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On the initiative of the local group of Russian Monarchist-Legitimists ( a branch of Russian monarchists recognizing Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovich, father of the Princess, as Emperor of Russia by right of succession) it is proposed to hold in honour of the Prince and Princess a tea-party in the ball room of the Cathay Hotel between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on September 13.

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Invitations to attend the party have been sent out by the group in question to all Russian national organizations. It is expected that about 200 persons will attend this function. A strict control will be exercised at the entrance to the ball room in order to ensure that no person is admitted who is not in possession of an invitation card issued in his or her name.

Time and other circumstances permitting, it is possible that the Prince and Princess will be invited to visit the Russian Ex-Officers' Club, 1260 Rue Lafayette, and the "Russian Home", House 3, Yang Terrace, "Eihaiwei Road. The latter invitation is likely to be declined as the "Russian Home" is a club of the "Union of Mladorossy", which is a political party.

All proposed functions are planned to be non-political in character.

It is reported that representatives of local German community will honour the royal visitors by holding a lunch of unofficial character at 57 Columbia Road.

There will be no joint Russo-German functions.

Apart from a couple of articles, which appeared in the local pro-Soviet publication "Na Rodinu" on 6-6-38 and 25-8-38, containing certain insulting remarks regarding Grand Duke Cyril and his daughter, there has so far been no indication of the possibility of any untoward incidents in connection with the proposed visit. The publication in question has been suspended indefinitely by the Municipal Police and the "Repatriation Union"- the organization sponsoring it, was ordered to suspend their activities until the end of September.

Any possible changes in the above programme affecting the Settlement will be immediately reported.

D.C. ( Special Branch)

G. Prokofiev  
D.S.I.



**Royal Couple Visiting The Far East**

*Prince Louis Ferdinand of Germany, grandson of the former Kaiser, and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kyra, daughter of Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, who are at present in Japan spending their honeymoon. They are expected in Shanghai shortly.*

## Russian Repatriation Union And Paper Suspended Here

Municipal Police Issue Order Banning Publication Of  
"Na Rodinu" Owing To Recent Article Attacking  
Romanoffs; Likely To Have Caused Trouble

Regarded by the Shanghai Municipal Police as an abuse of asylum and privileges accorded after its compulsory removal from the French Concession, the Russian-language newspaper "Na Rodinu" ("Back to the Fatherland"), published in the International Settlement under the auspices of the Repatriation Union of Shanghai, has been indefinitely suspended and the sponsoring organization has also been ordered to disband for an indefinite period. This decision was communicated to the publishers by the S.M.P. with a warning that any further abuse of privileges would lead to even more serious consequences.

This decision will mean that the paper and the organization which is pro-Soviet in character will be inactive during the forthcoming visit here of Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kira of the Russian House of Romanoff, who are expected to visit the city of a few days, reaching here on Monday.

The decision of the S.M.P. to suspend publication of "Na Rodinu"

was reached following the publication of an article in the paper in which the House of Romanoff was attacked. The article was timed to appear on the day of arrival of Prince Ferdinand and his Russian bride and was regarded as likely to stir up the ire of the local White Russian community. The arrival of the distinguished couple was postponed, however, but the article appeared and brought down the wrath of the police on the heads of the publishers.

Past records show that this is not the first time the paper in question has incurred official disfavour. The organization of which it is purported to be the official mouthpiece is known as the Repatriation Union of Shanghai and is said to number some 200 members. Its avowed objects, according to official sources, are the repatriation of Russians who desire to return to Soviet territory and the fostering of a pro-Soviet spirit among local Russians.

### Became Political

When first established and with headquarters in the French Concession it attracted little attention, but subsequently identified itself in active political affairs, frequently coming into conflict with White Russian elements opposed to the Soviet. Finally it was given orders to disband in the French Concession and moved into the International Settlement, with headquarters at 165 Love Lane, where some time ago it was the recipient of a bomb.

Frequent disputes with Russian "Fascists" once again brought its members into the official limelight and only last Monday one of its leading lights came into conflict with a member of the "Fascists," arising out of which a charge of assault has been preferred.

But the police decided they had enough to do without attending to factional disputes between Russian organizations, and possible disorders arising out of quarrelsome articles published in the "Na Rodinu," and decided to close both the paper and the Repatriation Union.

CHINA PRESS.

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## **Royal Couple Awaited Here Next Monday**

Prince Luis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and the former Grand Duchess Kira of the House of Romanoff, now his wife, are due here next Monday by the S.S. Shuntien from North China. The newly-wedded couple will remain here for three days, and will continue their honeymoon trip around the world on September 15, when they leave this city by the S.S. Shuntien for North China. S.S. Victoria for Europe.

Shanghai Russians are planning a grand reception for the honeymooners. A lavish reception will be given in the Cathay Hotel, where they will stay, on Monday evening. Various Russian organizations will each give receptions and parties in their honor on the days following.

Following their marriage on May 4 at the exile home of the former German emperor at Doorn, the royal couple commenced their tour of the world with a trip to the United States. They have since visited Hawaii, Japan, Korea, "Manchukuo," and North China, and are at present in Peiping.

Princess Kira is an outstanding person to White Russians here and abroad. Her father, the Grand Duke Cyril, is the pretender to the title of "Czar of the White Russians," and is living in exile in France.

There are still a few White Russians who hope for the restoration of monarchy in Russia, and to the visit of Princess Kira, an "heir" to the throne, is of tremendous importance.

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## Louis Ferdinand Due With Bride

Local Russians Plan  
Reception; Couple  
Sail September 15

**PRINCE** Louis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kira of the Russian House of Romanoff, are due in Shanghai next Monday aboard the Butterfield & Swire coastal vessel Shuntien. The royal couple will remain here for three days, leaving September 15 on the Lloyd-Triestino liner Victoria for Europe.

The Shanghai Russian community is planning a gala reception for the royal honeymooners Monday evening a big reception will be held in the Cathay Hotel, where the couple will live during their short stay in this city. In the days that follow various Russian organizations will give other receptions and parties.

### Tour Of World

The couple are on a tour of the world following their marriage May 4 at the exile home of the former German emperor at Doorn. They have already visited the United States, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Manchukuo and North China and are now seeing the sights of Peiping. They will sail for Shanghai from Tientsin at the end of the week. From here they will visit Hongkong and other ports en route to Europe.

The local Russian community is agog over their impending arrival, as the former grand duchess is the daughter of the Grand Duke Cyril, pretender to the title of "Czar of the White Russians," who is living in exile in Europe now.

### Attends Last Service (United Press)

**PEIPING, Sept. 6.**—Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia and his wife, the former grand Duchess Kira of Russia, were feted by the Russian colony today after attending a memorial ceremony marking the burial of three royal Russian bodies in the Russian Orthodox Church.

The bodies of three sons of the Grand Duke Constantin, cousin of the Czar, and Grand Duke Sergei Mikhaelovitch uncle of the Czar, were buried in the Church some weeks ago, but today's ceremony marked the official burial.

The bodies were brought from Perm Province, Russia, during the Revolution by a monk named Serafin. He single-handed conveyed eleven coffins containing royal bodies to Peiping.

The coffins remained outside the Russian Mission Cemetery at Peikuan until Japanese authorities recently permitted a reburial with full Russian funeral service.

### **Royal Couple Due on September 12**

According to present arrangements, Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the ex-Kaiser, and his wife, former Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia, are to leave Tientsin for Shanghai in the ss. Shuntien in about ten days. They are now expected here on September 12 and will spend three days in this city, sailing for Europe on September 15 in the mv. Victoria.

Their visit to Shanghai was formerly planned to take place about three weeks earlier, but they broke their journey in Japan to make a tour of Manchoukuo and North China, before proceeding to Shanghai and Europe.

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## ***Ex - Royal Pair Again Puts Off Shanghai Visit***

Newly-wedded Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and the former Grand Duchess Kira, one of the few surviving Romanoffs, once again have postponed their long-awaited arrival in Shanghai, according to latest reports.

On a tour of the world, the ex-royal couple have left Japan, not for Shanghai as originally scheduled, but for a tour of North China. In all probability, the blue-blooded descendants of the Houses of Hohenzollern and Romanoff respectively will also tour "Manchukuo" before stopping in Shanghai on their return trip to Europe.

According to latest information, they are expected here in the latter part of September.

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## Royal Honeymooners Postpone Trip Here

The representatives of two former great ruling families, Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kira of the House of Romanoff, did not arrive in Shanghai today as was originally expected. Slated to reach here appropriately, aboard the Empress of Russia, the royal honeymooners have delayed their trip and are still in Japan. They expect to leave Kobe on Thursday, however, and will reach here late Saturday or Sunday.

The couple has been in Japan for two weeks in the course of a world tour. The local Russian community has been agog over their impending arrival, though

no definite plans have been worked out for their entertainment as yet.

They arrived in Japan on the Empress of Japan from America some time ago. After visiting here they will go on to Hongkong.

Princess Kyra, one of the few surviving members of the Russian royal house, was married to Prince Luis Viktor Edouard Adalbert Michael Hubertus of the House of Hohenzollern May 4 at the exile home of the former German emperor at Doorn. The bride is the daughter of the Grand Duke Cyril, pretender to the title of "Czar of the White Russians" living in exile.

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## Royal Couple Expected Here Next Saturday



Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kira of the House of Romanoff, are expected in Shanghai next Saturday. The couple, shown above, have been visiting Japan for the past two weeks in the course of their honeymoon tour of the world. Telegraphic information received here yesterday stated that the royal couple would leave Japan on Thursday. No arrangements have been made yet by the local Russian community, which is awaiting further details before preparing for a royal welcome to be given the distinguished travelers.

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LOCAL Russian community are preparing for the arrival of Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the ex-Kaiser, and his wife, former Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia, who are expected this Monday in the ss. Empress of Russia, on their honeymoon tour of the world. The heads of various local Russian organizations will hold a conference today at 5 p.m., in order to put the finishing touches to the programme of celebrations which will be held to welcome the Royal honeymooners.

Shanghai Municipal Police  
Headquarters.

Date 20 JULY 1938

D.C. (Sp B.)

I am informed that Prince  
Louis Ferdinand, son of the Kaiser, -  
due here Aug 18 with his new wife  
- Russian Grand Duchess Yelena.  
Mr. Crow Ford Co. telephoned.

*W. B. Brown*  
Colonel in Charge Police



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Changhai, le 10 septembre 1938.

## RAPPORT

No. 1451/2

Objet: Arrivée à Changhai du Prince MICHAËL de Prusse et de son épouse la Grande Duchesse KIRA de Russie.

Réf: Colonie russe de Shanghai.  
Colonie allemande de Shanghai.  
Rapport No 1448/2.

Venant du Nord de la Chine, le Prince MICHAËL de Prusse et son épouse la Grande Duchesse KIRA de Russie arriveront à Changhai le 12 septembre vers 15 heures sur le "Hosen Maru" qui doit accoster à Yangtzepoo (1). Ils seront reçus à leur débarquement par un représentant du Consulat Général d'Allemagne, par M. WITTENBERG, Président du Comité des Allemands russes et par des membres de la colonie russe de la Place. Le Prince Michail descendra au Cathay Hotel. Le jour de leur arrivée, aucune réception ou réunion en leur honneur n'aura lieu.

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Le 13 septembre, à 12 h.15, le Prince MICHAËL et son épouse se rendront à l'Eglise Episcopale, rue Paul Henri, où un Te Deum sera chanté. De l'Eglise Episcopale le couple prussien se rendra, vers 14 heures, à l'Eglise St Nicolas, 18 rue Cornaille où un autre service religieux aura lieu. A 17 h.30, ils assisteront à une réception privée organisée en leur honneur par le Dr. BRACKLO, Consul Général p.i. d'Allemagne à Changhai, à son domicile privé, No 57 Columbia Road.

Le 14 septembre à 17 h.30, une "cocktail party" est organisé en leur honneur au Cathay Hotel par le groupement des monarchistes-légitimistes russes. Tous les résidents russes de Changhai pourront assister à cette réception moyennant un versement de 5 dollars par personne. Les souscriptions sont recueillies chez M.

(1) Rappelons que selon le projet primitif, ils devaient arriver au Ougi de France par un bateau de "Butterfield & Swire Co".

MARIAGE, membre du mouvement des monarchistes constitutionnalistes russes résidant au No 27 Yarden Terrace, t. 1. 7. 38. A 10 heures 30 est prévu un dîner au Cercle des anciens officiers russes No 1260 rue Lafayette. Cette réunion, de caractère privé, organisée par un groupe des membres du Cercle n'aura lieu que si le Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND et son épouse peuvent accepter l'invitation.

Le 15 septembre à 8 heures, le couple princier doit s'embarquer à destination de Hongkong à bord du paquebot italien "Victoria".

Le programme du séjour à Shanghai du Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND et de son épouse a été établi conjointement par M. TZYER et le Dr. BRACKLO, Consul Général p.i. d'Allemagne à Shanghai. On nous affirme que la colonie allemande s'abstient de toute manifestation officielle, le Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND étant considéré par le Gouvernement actuel du Reich comme une personne privée. D'ailleurs selon les informations publiées ces jours derniers, dans les journaux russes de la Place sur le voyage du couple princier en Mandchourie, le Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND et son épouse avaient exprimé le désir d'éviter toute manifestation publique. Au cours d'une entrevue accordée à un représentant du "Shanghai Maria" lors de leur passage à Moukden (voir Shanghai Maria du 15 septembre 1938), le Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND a déclaré, entre autres, que lui et son épouse se sont abstenus de se rendre à Harbine où résident de nombreux Russes pour éviter toute manifestation politique.

Ci-joint les notes en anglais et en russe sur l'arrivée et le séjour du couple princier à Shanghai que M. TZYER a rédigées pour être respectivement publiées le 11 Septembre dans le T.C.D.N. et les journaux russes de la Place.

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Note sur l'arrivée à Hongkong du Prince  
Alexandre et de son épouse la Grande Duchesse  
Kira Kirillovna, Président du Comité des Réfugiés Russes  
du Hongkong Maria et du Slovo.

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M. Ch. ... , Président de la Colonie ... et prési-  
dent du Comité des Réfugiés Russes a communiqué les informations  
suivantes au sujet de l'arrivée et du séjour à Hongkong du Prince  
Alexandre Royales, le Prince LOUIS-FERDINAND de Russie et la Gran-  
de Duchesse KIRA KIRILLOVNA de Russie.

Leurs Altesses doivent arriver à Hongkong lundi, 12 septem-  
bre vers 3 heures de l'après-midi à bord du "Victoria".

Ils seront reçus au débarquement par un représentant du  
Consulat Général d'Allemagne et par le Représentant et les mem-  
bres de la Colonie Russe.

Ils se rendront ensuite probablement au ... Hotel.

Aucune réception n'aura lieu lundi.

Mardi, 13 septembre un Te Deum sera chanté à 11 h.15 à  
l'Eglise Episcopale russe. Tous les résidents russes sont in-  
vités.

Après le service religieux Leurs Altesses se rendront à  
l'Eglise St. Nicolas.

Le même jour, à 17 heures 30, aura lieu une réunion priv-  
vée au domicile du Consul Général d'Allemagne.

Mercredi 14 septembre, les membres du groupe anti monarchis-  
te-légitimiste russe et d'autres organisations russes donneront  
en l'honneur du couple princier un "cocktail party", à 17 h.30,  
au Cathay Hotel.

Jeudi 15 septembre à 8 heures Leurs Altesses doivent s'  
embarquer à destination de Hongkong à bord du paquebot "Vic-  
toria".



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Note envoyée par M. R. A. la rédaction du M. ... H.

- 1) Arrival per s.s. "Hoten Maru" Monday 1st September  
about 10 a.m.

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- 2) Tuesday 1st September.

1.15 p.m. Te Deum service at the Russian Central Church,  
Mme Paul Henry.

Visitation to the Russian St. Nicolas Church, 18 rue Cornaille.

5.30 p.m. - Reception by the German Consul General.

- 3) Wednesday 14th September.

Cathay Hotel 5.30 p.m. Reception by the Russian Community.

- 4) Thursday 15th September

Departure at 8 a.m.

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## Many Russians Agog Over Odd Behaviour Of Royal Couple

All Shanghai was talking about the threatening situation in Europe yesterday, but a good many members of the Russian community here found little time to think of anything but the disappointment they had experienced during the course of the visit of Prince Louis Ferdinand and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia.

The chief source of regret among these people was that the royal visitors had failed to turn up at a lavish reception given in their honour at the Cathay Hotel, apparently with the real excuse. A large number of Russians dug deep down in their pockets to pay the necessary five dollars to attend the reception and pay homage to the visitors. Their only reward was an hour or two of anxious waiting.

All save the most loyal of the old school White Russians here thought that it was rather ungracious of Princess Kyra not to at least send

down a message saying that she was confined to her suite and could not attend the function. In addition, it was claimed by some that the Prince stepped out of the hotel without attending the reception and didn't even look in on the guests when he returned to his suite some time later.

Aside from spending so much money on the affair, a number of those present brought presents including an embroidered table cloth, silver and a hand towels bearing the crest of the two royal houses. These were later presented to the princess in her bedroom, however, so a scant half dozen of the visitors had the opportunity of laying eyes on her.

The royal couple left Shanghai yesterday aboard the Victoria for Europe and will tarry in a number of places along the way in order to prolong their honeymoon trip as long as possible.

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## Royal Couple Arrive Here

Ferdinand, Kyra Pay  
Brief Local Visit;  
Sail Tomorrow

The will-o'-the-wisp royal honeymooners, Prince Louis Ferdinand and Princess Kyra, arrived in Shanghai this afternoon—believed it or not.

The couple came into port aboard the Dairen Maru from Dairen about 3 o'clock, docking at the D.K.K. Whangpoo Wharf in Yangtzepoo. For a second time in three days the Russian and German welcoming committees were on hand to greet them.

Because they plan to sail for Europe via Hongkong tomorrow morning aboard the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria, all previous plans for their entertainment have been cut with the exception of a reception scheduled to be held at the Cathay Hotel this afternoon about 5 o'clock, where they will meet leading members of the local Russian and German communities.

The rest of the planned program for them has been curtailed. What their plans for this evening are unknown, though they may take in a bit of Shanghai's nightlife. It is likely that they will board the Victoria this evening, not staying ashore overnight.

Prince Louis Ferdinand is the second son of the former German Crown Prince and grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm. His bride is the former Grand Duchess Kyra, second daughter of Grand Duke Cyril, pretender to the title of Czar. They were married May 4 at Doorn and are on a trip around the world. They have recently visited Japan and North China. They plan to live in Berlin after they return to Europe.

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Section 1, Special Branch Station

REPORT

Date September 15, 1938

Subject: Arrival in Shanghai of Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand Hohenzollern.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev.

Forwarded by

C. Crawford

Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand Hohenzollern arrived in Shanghai at about 2.30 p.m. on September 14 aboard the s.s. "Dairen Maru". They were welcomed by Mr. A. Petz, of the local German Consulate-General, and representatives of the Russian community headed by Mr. Ch. D. Metzler and Lieut-General Isakoff. Immediately upon arrival they proceeded to the Cathay Hotel.

Between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. on the same day a reception was held by the Russian community at the Cathay Hotel ball-room in honour of the royal couple. About 170 persons attended including representatives from almost all local Russian organizations. Owing to the indisposition of the Princess the distinguished visitors were unable to attend this and any other functions which had been arranged by the community. However, at about 7 p.m. the Princess received a group of representatives in her apartments, after which the function terminated.

During the reception an unobtrusive observation was maintained by members of the Special Branch at the entrance to the ball room.

The Prince and Princess left Shanghai for Hongkong at 11 a.m. on September 15 in the s.s. "Victoria".

C. Prokofiev  
D. S. I.

D. C. ( Special Branch)

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P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Brd)

15 1938

# Royal Couple Arrives Here For Brief Visit

Prince Louis, Russian  
Bride To Leave This  
Morning

TOUCHING SCENES  
SEEN AT WHARF

Band Of 230 Turns Out  
To Give Duchess  
Welcome

In the small, overcrowded lounge of the Dairen Maru women and strong men alike shed tears yesterday afternoon as they bowed to kiss the hand of Princess Kira, second daughter of former Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, now pretender to the title of "Emperor of White Russia."

Aged officers of the Imperial Army, among them some who ten years fought bitterly for a cause the people opposed, at first greeted the first member of the House of Romanoff to arrive here in years with radiant faces as she stood with her bridegroom, Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the ex-Kaiser.

Then, as in rapid succession the events following the outbreak of the revolution flashed in their minds, the warriors, decorated with the honors of Imperial Russia, broke down and cried.

Nor did the princess remain untouched, and in her eyes, too, tears were welling.

## Committee Introduced

But they soon recovered. Mr. Charles E. Metzler, chairman of the Russian Emigrants' Committee, quickly introduced the reception committee of 20. Each addressed Princess Kira as "Your Royal Highness" as they bowed to kiss her hand.

Their numbers were small. Of the 30,000 Russians estimated to be residing in Shanghai, not more than 200 were at the wharf to greet the honeymooners, both members of once great and powerful European ruling families—the Romanoffs and Hohenzollerns.

But what they lacked in numbers, these loyal few, they made up in sincerity. So choked were some with emotion that they could not find their voices for a full minute.

Their earnest and quiet grief was contagious. A group of foreign reporters and photographers stood respectfully in a corner of the

lounge; they looked on quietly, not speaking but each feeling that he would commit sacrilege if he so much as asked a question or shot a flash-bulb.

## "How Is Our Emperor?"

It was absurd yet touching to hear a young Russian say:

"Your Royal Highness, and how is the health of our 'Emperor?' He was referring to Grand Duke Cyril, her father."

The princess declined the receptions planned for the couple giving her poor health as the reason. When she, accompanied by Prince Louis Ferdinand, left the boat, the couple immediately proceeded to the Cathay Hotel, where they registered as "Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand, Berlin, Germany."

The princess, it is reported, immediately went to rest. She was in bed for the remainder of the day, and could accompany her husband neither to the reception at the residence of the German Consul-General nor to the party given in their honor at the Cathay Hotel by the Russian Emigrants' Committee yesterday.

## Married Last May

The royal couple, who were married at the ex-Kaiser's exile home in Doorn, The Netherlands, last May, are on the fourth month of their honeymoon tour of the world—a birthday present from the bridegroom's grandfather.

They arrived yesterday from Dairen, after missing the Hoten Maru on Monday, following a tour of Japan, Manchuria and North China.

They will sail tomorrow at 11 a.m. on the Victoria for Manila, where they will connect with a German vessel which will take them to India.

The prince and princess intend to arrive in Germany some time in November, when they will settle in a modest home in Berlin.

CHINA PRESS.

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## ***Prince Louis, Bride Due To Arrive Today***

Prince Louis Ferdinand and his bride, the former Russian Grand Duchess Kira, are scheduled to arrive in Shanghai today aboard the Dairen Maru. The vessel is expected to reach port about 2 p.m.

For a second time in three days, the Russian and German welcoming committees will turn out at the O.S.K. wharf in Yangtszepoo to greet the new arrivals. And this time, it is rather certain that the royal pair will put in an appearance.

Prince Louis and the Princess Kira were originally scheduled to reach Shanghai Monday afternoon on the Hoten Maru. The ship arrived as scheduled but the prince and princess were not aboard.

It was learned that they had been delayed in North China and had been unable to make the trip on the Hoten Maru. As a result, elaborate reception plans arranged by the Russian and German communities were postponed and will probably be curtailed.

Since the pair are scheduled to leave Shanghai tomorrow for Europe aboard the Lloyd Triestino luxury liner Victoria, it is not likely that the reception program, which included an elaborate service at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral on Route Paul Henry will be held.

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**Royal Couple Due  
Tomorrow; Russians  
Feel Disappointed**

A large number of members of the local Russian community were still muttering under their breaths today because the former Grand Duchess Kyra of the House of Romanoff and her distinguished husband, Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the German ex-Kaiser, neglected to notify them ahead of time that the couple had been delayed in Dairen and would not arrive here as scheduled yesterday afternoon. The royal pair is now due to arrive from the north tomorrow afternoon aboard the Dairen Maru.

Quite a large crowd was on hand to greet the couple, and an elaborate program for their entertainment has now been largely effect, as they still plan to leave here for Europe on the Victoria Thursday, so there will be little time for services and receptions. The pair missed the Hoten Maru at Dairen by several hours, disappointing many local Russian and German residents.

Assuming that the royalty would arrive on schedule since they had notified no one of the delay, the Evening Post yesterday prepared a notice of their arrival, but as soon as it was ascertained that they had not come, presses were stopped and the fact was recorded after only a few score copies of the paper had been published.

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## ROYAL PAIR ARRIVE HERE TO-MORROW

Local Russian Community  
Will Welcome Couple  
During Stop-over

It was confirmed here yesterday that Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia, are arriving in Shanghai around 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from Tientsin in the Dairen Maru, which docks at the Whangpoo Wharf. The royal pair, who are travelling on a tour around the world, will remain in Shanghai for three days, after which they are sailing again for Europe in the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria on September 15.

Meanwhile extensive preparations have been made by the local Russian community to greet the royal visitors. The couple will be met at the Customs Jetty by Mr. Charles Metzler, Chairman of the Russian Emigres Committee here, and other prominent members of the Russian community. The visitors will stay at the Cathay Hotel.

While no arrangements have as yet been announced regarding any entertainment for the pair on Monday evening, it was learnt yesterday that on Tuesday morning a special religious service will be held in the Russian Cathedral on Route Paul Henri, after which the couple will visit St. Nicholas Church on Route Cornaille.

One of the most interesting functions which the royal couple will attend while in Shanghai will take place on Wednesday evening at the Cathay Hotel, when an official reception will be tendered by the Russian community. On the following day the couple will continue on their tour.

Their travels began shortly after their marriage on May 4 this year at the home of the exiled former German Emperor at Doorn. Since then the couple have visited the United States, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Manchoukuo, as well as several places in North China.



Date - Sep 17, 1938

(Special Branch) Office Notes

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Please make arrangements for  
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1) Arrival per S.S. "Hohen stern" Monday 12th September  
about 2-4 p.m.

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2) Tuesday 13th September.

12.15 p.m. Te Deum Service at the Russian Cathedral Church,  
55, Rue Paul Henry.

Visitation to the Russian St. Nicolas Church, 18, Rue Cornaille.

5.30 p.m. - Reception by the German Consul General.

3) Wednesday 14th September.

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|| Cathay Hotel 5.30 p.m. Reception by the Russian Community.

8.30 p.m. Private Dinner at the Russian Ex-Officers Club -  
1260, Rue Lafayette.

4) Thursday 15th September.

Departure at 8 a.m.

As far as can be ascertained the couple will reside at the  
Cathay Hotel during their sojourn at Shanghai.

( The above information was received from Mr. Ch.E. Metzler,  
Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Committee, on 10-9-38 )

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P. A. to R. G. (Sp. Br.)

Date September 8, 1938.

(Headquarters) Office Notes

D. C. (Divisions)

Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand.

Arrangements contained in attached report are provisional and confirmation will not be available for a day or two. Regarding the tea party scheduled to be held in the Cathay between 5 and 8 p.m. September 13, I take it that usual police precautionary steps will be taken, outside duty by Central and inside by Special Branch.

As for the proposed reception at 57 Columbia Road, this will be unofficial and only call for a few policemen outside the dwelling.

I shall further notify you so soon as the various functions are fixed definitely.

J. H. Robertson

D. C. (Special Branch)



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## Royal Couple Fail To Show Up For Big Reception

German Prince and Bride Not In Shanghai In  
Spite of Report Of Their Arrival Here

A large number of people from the local Russian community stood for over an hour yesterday in the scorching sun on the D.K.K. dock waiting to welcome Prince Louis Ferdinand and his bride, the former Grand Duchess Kyra of Russia. But the royal honeymooners did not show up, it being explained that they had missed the Hoten Maru at Tientsin.

Not a few of those who had waited so patiently were visibly disappointed, one or two suggesting that it might have been a gracious thing if the royal couple could have informed the reception committee of their change in plans. All things taken into consideration, loyal White Russians in Shanghai had prepared a most elaborate programme for the visitors.

This included a fine reception at the Cathay Hotel to be arranged as a sort of court of honour to the former Grand Duchess and her husband, who is the grandson of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm. In addition, there was to have been an imposing service in the big Russian Cathedral in Rue Paul Henry. Hundreds of people had planned to attend, but now it is quite possible that all this will have to be cancelled.

The prince and princess are now expected to arrive from the north on Wednesday and they are sailing for Europe the next day aboard the Italian liner Victoria, so there will be precious little time for church

services, receptions and the other things which had been planned here.

### Generals In Uniform

The reception committee which gathered on the dock yesterday included practically every well-known member of the "old guard" here. There were generals in their imperial uniforms sporting medals as big as saucers and there was a committee of Russian ladies on hand to present the princess with a beautiful bouquet of pink flowers.

It was ascertained later in the day that there had been several Russian reception committees on hand at the dock when the s.s. Shuntien arrived, the rumour having got about that the prince and princess would be on that vessel. These committees were also disappointed, however, and so it turned out to be a day for the dashing of high hopes in so far as faithful Russian royalists in Shanghai were concerned.

To cap the climax, an evening contemporary gave the "arrival" of the royal couple front page publicity under their photographs. This story told how the visitors had been greeted at the wharf by Mr. Charles Metzler, Russian community leader, and gone sightseeing about the city during the afternoon. It was added that "the couple were escorted to the Cathay Hotel," but fortunately no interview with the prince appeared in print.

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